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5 April 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 11 April and Later

1. The DCI debriefed his Mideast trip in the 5 April Presidential Briefing in addition to some administrative and operational matters.
2. The following topics are nominated for the 11 April Presidential Briefing:

- A. NIE 4-1-78
- B. Soviet ASAT Capability
- C. SIGINT Capability

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative dates, if known, are shown:

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| A. Covert Communications (OTS) | |
| B. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI) | |
| C. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR) | 2 May |
| D. Soviet Forced Labor Camps (OGCR) | |
| E. [redacted] | |
| F. Political Ferment in Nicaragua (NIO/LA) | 23 May |
| G. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--
A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI) | 25 April |
| H. President's Quarterly Report (OSR) | |
| I. Overview of Trends in the African
Subsaharan Belt (NIO/AF) | 16 May |
| J. Greek-Turkish Relations (NIO/WE) | 9 May |
| K. Operations Briefing (DDO) | 18 April |
| L. Soviet Launch on Warning Capability (OWI) | 25 April |
| M. Prospects for China after the National
Peoples Congress (NIO/CH) | |
| N. Soviet R&D on Low Altitude Air Defense
Systems (OWI) | 25 April |

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- O. Military Lessons Learned About Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces from the Somali-Ethiopian Campaign (NIO/AF:OSR)
- P. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)
- Q. Soviet Actions to Cope with Their Economic Difficulties (OER)

Late June

4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing starts after the outline is approved.

- A. The North Asian Military Balance
- B. Preparations for Force Reductions in Korea
- C. Prospects for the International Oil Market
- D. Soviet Policy in Africa
- E. Cuban Developments
- F. Impact of Moro Kidnapping on Italian Politics

5. The following briefing topics have been dropped from the list of active topics for the reasons indicated:

- A. The French Elections: Why and Where to Next. Better to be treated in the PDB.
- B. The Spanish Communist Party Congress. Better to be treated in the PDB.

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- E. Trends in Soviet Hard Currency Trade. Incorporate in larger topic Soviet Actions to Cope with Their Economic Difficulties (see paragraph 3).

- F. Evaluation of Imagery Performance. Briefing topic overcome by events.

6. The D/OGCR, D/OWI and NIOs SP, USSR and EAP are requested to submit topics for use in May by COB Tuesday, 11 April. The D/OSR, D/OIA and NIOs PE, WE and CH will be requested to nominate topics for use in late May the following week.

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